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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE TECHNICAL GROUP (GTE) OF THE GUIANESE SHIELD HUB

6 May, 2008

Paramaribo, Suriname

1. BACKGROUNDS AND OBJECTIVES

Since its creation, the Initiative for the Integration of Regional Infrastructure in South America (IIRSA) has worked with concepts derived from territorial planning, such as the Integration and Development Hubs (EID), which are geo-economic elements of territorial planning and sustainable development management.

Since September 2003, the twelve South American countries have applied the Indicative Territorial Planning Methodology in eight of its ten EIDs, thus succeeding in sorting and streamlining the project portfolio in transport, energy and communications infrastructure deemed relevant by each country from the national standpoint as well as from the perspective of regional integration. The work undertaken —basically qualitative— received input from the Strategic and Business Visions of each EID and was based on the consensus reached by experts who are very much acquainted with the economic, social and environmental contexts of each Hub. This has enabled the South American countries concerned to agree on a common portfolio made up of 348 infrastructure projects grouped in 41 Project Groups with an estimated investment amount of US\$ 38 billion.

For the year 2007 IIRSA's member countries have undertaken to review –at the level of GTE in each EID- the IIRSA Portfolio's projects deemed necessary, taking into account both the development plans of each country and the common South American objective of integration and development. It is in line with this that a GTE meeting of Guianese Shield Hub will take place. This GTE meeting will give members the chance to analyze and accelerate results in three of the four strategic lines of action: *implementation, planning and sectoral processes*. Furthermore, the planning methodology will be applied on the basis of specific proposals for the countries and with the assistance of the CCT.

The main purpose of this meeting is to help countries in this Hub to jointly gain wider insight into the contribution that each project group can make to the sustainable

development of the Hub through its physical integration. The meeting will focus on the following activities:

- a) **Review the Project Groups and their respective Strategic Function.** To this end: (i) the inclusion or exclusion of new groups or projects concerned with transport, energy and communications infrastructure will be analyzed; (ii) PSI and logistics, production integration and socio-environmental issues will be discussed; and (iii) identification of governmental programs or actions that may be complementary to each group's projects will be pursued in order to enlarge economic and socio-environmental sustainability in the project group's territory.
- b) **Review Hub's projects included in AIC.** Identify the progress made and the obstacles encountered by the implementation of the Agenda projects and the Strategic Management System (SIGE).
- c) **Review other IIRSA Portfolio's projects in progress.** Identify any progress made in their execution, financing or other issues that may have an impact on the implementation of IIRSA's project portfolio.
- d) **Identify selected Project Groups where to apply new planning methodologies.**

2. PARTICIPANTS

Participants to this meeting will be delegates representing the countries engaged in this Hub: National Coordinators (CN), governmental officials concerned with planning, transport, energy and communications infrastructure as well as CCT representatives, experts and consultants. CN members from other countries are expected to attend as observers.

3. AGENDA

May 6, 2008

09:00 – 09:15 Opening of the **GTE Meeting Guianese Shield Hubs** by IIRSA National Coordination, Government of Suriname

09:15 – 09:30 Expected results and impact of the meeting (CCT)

09:30 – 10:00 **Work Methodology** – Presentation of the Indicative Planning Methodology applied to the review of IIRSA Portfolio (CCT).

10:00 – 10:15 Debate and comments

10:15 – 10:45 **Business Vision** – Presentation of the central aspects of the Business Vision of the Guianese Shield Hub and its project groups (economic and socio-environmental aspects in the territory). Presentation of current projects within the Project Groups and their strategic functions and relevant topics to promote discussion among experts from the countries involved (CCT).

10:45 – 11:00 Debate and comments

11:00 – 11:15 Break

11:15 – 13:00 **Team Work – Implementation** (*see objectives b and c*) – Review of the progress made as to the implementation of AIC and other projects within the Guianese Shield Hub.

13:00 – 14:30 Break

14:30 – 16:00 **Team Work – Planning** (*see objectives a and d*) – Application of the indicative planning methodology to the project groups of the Guianese Shield Hub in order to gain wider insight into the contribution that each Project Group makes to the sustainable development of the entire Hub, by using two analytical dimensions: sustainable development and the feasibility of the Project Groups (incorporate PSI topics and identify potential groups eligible for the application of new planning methodologies).

16:00 – 16:15 Break

16:15 – 17:45 **Team Work – Planning (continued)**

17:45 – 18:00 Break

18:00 – 18:30 **Conclusions** – Presentation of the GTE results derived from the revision of the Project Groups in the Guianese Shield Hub with regard to their implementation, planning and sectoral processes as well as identification of Project Groups eligible for the application of new planning methodologies.